



Exceptional Pupils Ages 3-21 Endorsement for Teaching Autism

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To qualify for the autism endorsement, a person must:

1. Complete the following required testing (or equivalent testing administered in another state):
 - Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators
 - Principles of Learning and Teaching K-6 or 7-12Please [visit the Praxis testing website](#) for further testing information.
2. Have completed three (3) semester credits in a course of study regarding parental involvement and family engagement.
3. Have completed a program of preparation for teaching pupils who have autism, which has been approved by the Board; or
4. Hold a license or certificate, issued by another state, with an endorsement to teach pupils who have autism; or
5. Hold a bachelor's or master's degree in the education of pupils who have autism and have completed eight (8) semester credits of student teaching, equivalent field experience, **or** one (1) year of verifiable teaching experience in special education; or
6. Hold a bachelor's or master's degree; and
 - A. Have completed eight (8) semester credits of student teaching of pupils who have autism, equivalent field experience with such pupils or one (1) year of verifiable teaching experience with such pupils; and
 - B. Have completed thirty (30) semester credits of course work to include each of the following areas:
 - i. Introduction to special education or the education of pupils who have disabilities
 - ii. The characteristics of pupils who have autism
 - iii. The assessment of pupils who have disabilities
 - iv. Behavior management
 - v. Parental involvement in programs for pupils with disabilities
 - vi. Curriculum development or methods and strategies for teaching pupils who have autism
 - vii. Speech and language development
 - viii. Education or planning for the transition of pupils who have disabilities from their current placement to placement in additional educational programs, employment and living independently as an adult
 - ix. Assistive technology or augmentative alternative communication
 - x. Methods of teaching mathematics
 - xi. Methods of teaching literacy